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Quinn Baudenbacher knocks over Mortiz Sippl during a kids class at Williamsburg Mixed Martial Arts School.

Combat tots

G'point mixed martial arts spot schools brawlin' babes

By Danielle Furfaro
The Brooklyn Paper

These pint-sized pipsqueaks are a long way from the Ultimate Fighting Championship, but while their fellow toddlers are busy picking their noses and learning their ABCs, they are preparing for combat.

At Williamsburg Mixed Martial Arts school, which is actually on the edge of Greenpoint,

kids as young as two years old train to perfect their roundhouse kicks, jabs, and foot sweeps. But how to annihilate adversaries is not the only thing these tots are learning, according to their muscly headmaster.

"We teach them better focus, concentration, and practical self-defense," said school director Roger Mamedov.

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KEEP A SLOW PROFILE

Slow-zone plan polarizes Clinton Hill and Bed-Stuy

By Matthew Perlman
The Brooklyn Paper

Two local panels are at loggerheads over a plan to slow down cars on the streets of Clinton Hill and Bedford-Stuyvesant.

Community boards for the two neighborhoods took starkly different views of the city's plan to make the area a so-called "slow zone," with Bedford-Stuyvesant's Community Board 3 voting against it on Feb. 10, two days ahead of Clinton Hill's Community Board 2 delivering a resounding "yea" vote.

The arc of history is bending toward slowing auto traffic to save lives, according to the latter board.

"Slow Zones are very popular," said Hemalee Patel, transportation committee chairwoman for Community Board 2. "They're just meant to slow cars down."

Her board overwhelmingly approved the plan, which affects an area bounded by Washington Avenue.

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Clinton Hill could soon get more speed humps like this one on Washington Avenue.

Call for car crackdown in Sunset Park, W'Terrace

By Megan Riesz
The Brooklyn Paper

Call it cop envy.

A local panel in Sunset Park and Windsor Terrace wants the neighborhood fuzz to follow in the footsteps of Park Slope cops who conducted sting operations on reckless drivers.

"Everybody deserves to cross the street safely," said Community Board 7 district manager Jeremy Laufer. "Perhaps it's time to reallocate resources to other issues."



MEAN Streets
The battle for Brooklyn's byways

The board pointed to Fourth Avenue between 15th and 65th streets, as well as Third Avenue, as lawless hot-spots for reckless driving in a letter penned to the commanding officer of the 72nd Precinct in early February. The

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The below-market-rate apartments in this new building at 59 Orient Ave. have not been advertised as widely as one local official would like.

Affordable housing? Where?

Official: Make developers shout plans from mountain tops

By Danielle Furfaro
The Brooklyn Paper

Building owners are gaming the city's rules for so-called "affordable" housing by advertising cheap rentals on an obscure government website no cash-strapped Brooklyn renter would be likely to read, said a local official who wants to make such apartment deals impossible to miss.

Williamsburg community board member Rob Solano is imploring the city to change the rules, which he says now basically do nothing to ensure broke Brooklynites will hear about lotteries for below-market-rate apartments.

"Right now, it is like the Wild West and there are no monitors," said Solano.

Solano said he became alarmed

when he learned that the developers of 59 Orient Ave. in Williamsburg, which has four apartments available at below-market rates,

quietly put the application online on the Department of Housing Preservation and Development's

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Cheapest digs in Dumbo

Two Trees now accepting your applications

By Matthew Perlman
The Brooklyn Paper

Here is how to apply to live in some of the cheapest digs

in Dumbo.

Developer Two Trees Management is now accepting applications to fill 58 units of be-

low-market-rate housing in the massive development it is building called Dock Street.

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Chinese Community Accountable Care Organization head Henry Chen thinks his plan is the only one that could make the beloved Cobble Hill hospital sustainable.

Learning on job at LICH

Not much experience, but vowing to keep real hospital

By Megan Riesz
The Brooklyn Paper

Three words do not come to mind when imagining the job description for taking over as manager of Long Island College Hospital: no experience necessary.

And yet that is what one suitor in the state's controversy-dogged bidding process for the beleaguered Cobble Hill facility said when asked about his lack of hospital management credentials. Two doctors' professional organizations hope to overhaul the hospital with grocery tycoon and mayoral also-



HOSPITALS IN CRISIS
The LICH Plans

ran John Catsimatidis and former Giuliani understudy Rudy Washington. An executive for the pair of groups said that his skills at wrangling physicians are qualification enough.

"No experience is needed," said Harry Chen, head of the Chinese Community Accountable Care Organization and vice president of the Eastern Chinese American Physician Independent Practice Association, "because we manage about 240 physicians in our accountable care organization and our partnership with the [independent practice associa-

tion] totals about 400."

The Organization is a networking and professional development group for physicians and the Association is a kind of doctors' cooperative. Both are specifically geared towards Chinese-American medical professionals and docs who work with Chinese patients.

For the sake of brevity and levity, we are calling the pairing of the Chinese-oriented organizations and the former politicos the "Chinese democracy plan." The plan is the only one of the five on the table that in-

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Four arms

Kyle Radcliffe, Maya Shulman, and Brad Robinson won the adult category of the Feb. 15 Snow Sculpture contest in Brooklyn Bridge Park with this imaginatively endowed octopus.



Rep. Clarke quoted the Beastie Boys in her handle-with-care pitch.

Bklyn bands get advocate in the air

Congresswoman wants soft landings for borough musicians' gear

By Will Bredderman
The Brooklyn Paper

A Flatbush pol is demanding airlines take better care of Brooklyn musicians' precious cargo.

Rep. Yvette Clarke is pushing new rules that will ensure

airlines treat Brooklyn melody-makers' gear with some tenderlovin' care.

"Our musicians will remain on location, touring 'round the nation," Clarke said, quoting the Beastie Boys classic "No Sleep Till Brooklyn," when touting the

new rules, which would force airlines to better protect musical instruments on flights.

Clarke asked the Federal Aviation Administration to see if it would be possible to allow musicians to carry on their guitars and horn instruments.

But the congresswoman's office was light on details about how to make the proposal workable, saying that it would be up to the regulators to implement the plan.

"It really relies on the agencies to fill in the interstices,"

said Clarke spokesman Patrick Rheume.

The idea came out of a Tennessee legislator's complaint about country strummers' achy-breaky instruments breaking, Rheume said.

Hot to Trot-tenberg

New roads czar hits ground running — she just moved to Cobble Hill!

By Megan Riesz
The Brooklyn Paper

Hello, neighbor!

Polly Trottenberg, the newly minted commissioner of the city Department of Transportation, has made the move to Cobble Hill. Trottenberg arrived in the center of the universe from a sleepy backwater called Washington, D.C., but she used to live just up the road a piece and her latest move brings her back full circle, she said.

"It has been wonderful to come back to Brooklyn," Trottenberg said. "I previously lived in Carroll Gardens and am now just a short walk away in beautiful Cobble Hill."

But do not think her first days here have been all contemplative strolls. Jannette Sadik-Khan's replacement has been busy pressing the flesh.

"I have already gotten to know some of my new neighbors and local elected officials like Borough President Eric Adams, State Senator Dan Squadron and Council Member Brad

DA CHARGES DRIVER IN FT. GREENE CRASH
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Polly Trottenberg, pictured here at left during a Hurricane Sandy event back when she was still a D.C. day-tripper.

Lander," she said.

The new roads czar has said she will champion Mayor DeBlasio's Vi-

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It's a whole latte money

At \$7, the most expensive brew in the borough

By Danielle Furfaro
The Brooklyn Paper

The \$7 latte has arrived in Greenpoint — and we put it to the taste test.

The licorice latte at the new high-end Scandinavian coffee-house Budin opened Friday, apparently breaking through the brown ceiling and setting a borough record for most expensive coffee drink. But is it worth it?

The drink, officially called a lakkrice latte, borrowing the Icelandic word for licorice, is scrump-

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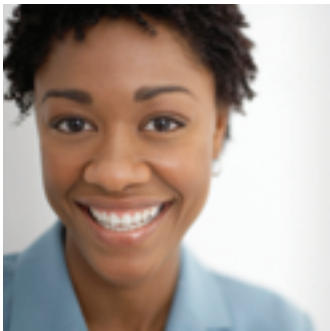
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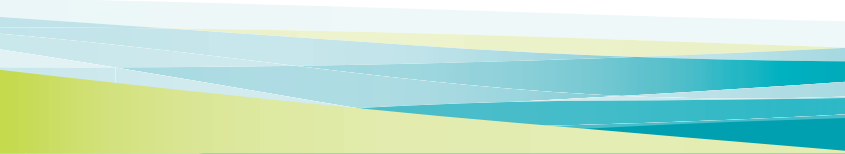


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BROOKLYN NETS COVERAGE

Why Nets need a big move



FRONT COURT
By Tom Lafe

The All-Star Weekend is in the rearview mirror, and now it is time to see what the Nets will do at this week’s trade deadline. General manager Billy King is widely believed to have put all of his eggs in the “win now” basket, mortgaging the Nets’ future in the process. Now, he and the Nets must figure out if the roster as it is currently assembled can truly challenge the Heat and Pacers in the postseason. And that raises a bigger question: can this team actually win now?

The Nets have had a nice 2014 thus far, but the team is not a true title contender. And with next to no future draft picks and very little by way



Associated Press / Seth Wenig

Let him go! Our columnist thinks it is time the Nets trade Brook Lopez.

of roster assets, it is hard to see them getting better anytime soon. However, there is one horse in the Nets’ stable that would certainly pique some interest around the NBA: Brook Lopez. Trading Brook Lopez would not be an easy pill to swallow. He is arguably the Nets’ best player, he is young — in the prime of his career

— and he is affordable. The returns he could bring the Nets may be diminished because he is coming off his second major foot surgery, but at some point the Nets will have to address the future — one that appears to be just fine without the big man, whose season-ending injury forced the team to discover its identity. With no draft picks and a ton of bloated contracts, the Nets don’t have many pieces that they can move to make “winning now” a reality. Moving Lopez could not only make the Nets a better team in the future with draft picks in return, but could also fetch a player who could help them for the remainder of this year. Tom Lafe is a 6-foot-5 sports-world insider with a middling high school basketball career who believes the Nets will be driven by the success of the team’s big men.

D-Will must play Superman



BACK COURT
By Matt Spolar

In NBA parlance, the first week after the All-Star break, marks the beginning of the season’s second half. That’s always been a bit of a misnomer. Merriam-Webster defines “half” as “one of two equal or nearly equal parts into which something can be divided.” The Nets had played 51 games heading into the break, losing 27 of them and winning 24. Only 31 games remained on the regular schedule after Sunday’s All-Star game. So much for “equal” or even “nearly equal.” Instead, what begins this week is a part of the NBA season distinct from what came before it. The playoff chase will soon hang over each game, coloring every win or loss with urgency and import. The moves made at Thursday’s trade deadline will alter the DNA of certain teams, causing playoff-



Associated Press / John Minichillo

Deron Williams’ balky ankles will need to hold up during the second half, says our columnist.

bound squads to try to adapt as quickly as possible to roster changes designed to fortify postseason chances. And if last year is any barometer, this is also the part of the season where Deron Williams takes over. Before the All-Star break last year, the Nets’ star point guard, hobbled by an achy ankle, averaged 16.7 points per game on 41.3 percent shooting from the field, including 34.7 percent from three-point range. D-Will received platelet-rich plasma injections in

both ankles as he NBA’s elite headed to All-Star weekend. He then went on a tear out of the break, looking like his old All-Star self in the final 29 games of the regular season with nightly averages of 22.9 points on 48.1 percent shooting, including 42 percent from downtown. This year, Williams has again been slowed by his balky ankles. He has averaged just 13.3 points and 6.6 assist per game in 30.9 minutes, the least amount of game time he has logged per night since his rookie year. And once again, D-Will has had platelet-rich plasma injected into his ankles — only this time the treatment took place in early January. Now, after getting some rest over the All-Star break, whether he can again transform from Clark Kent to Superman has yet to be seen. Last I checked, there are still a couple phone booths left in Brooklyn. Matt Spolar is a nearly 6-foot-1 journalist with a middling high school basketball career who is sure the Nets win thanks to team’s top-tier guards.

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Church shopping itself around

Fire-damaged 120-year-old D'town building could be torn down for condos

By Matthew Perlman
The Brooklyn Paper

An old Downtown church is offering developers the chance to tear it down or build a tower on top of it.

The Recovery House of Worship, a 120-year-old Baptist church on Schermerhorn Street at Third Avenue, sits on one of the last big lots in the rapidly rising neighborhood and is looking for a deep-pocketed buyer to redevelop it. Church officials would prefer to keep the building, but they also want to cash in on the prime real estate it occupies, said a broker.

“They like the existing building a lot,” said Dan Marks, a vice president at the real estate firm Terra CRG, which is accepting development proposals on behalf of the church. “The question is, ‘Can they achieve what they’re looking for by keeping it or not?’”

Damage caused by a 2010 fire at the building, commonly known as the Baptist Temple thanks to the big stone letters on the side, has yet to be fully repaired. The church is hoping a redevelopment will leave it with a steady revenue stream and



Congregants of the Baptist Temple on the corner of Schermerhorn Street and Third Avenue are trying to find a developer who can transform the church into an 11-story building, either by knocking it down or building on top of it.

a bigger space in whatever ends up getting built.

“Being a church, they didn’t have the means of fixing the property by themselves,” said Marks.

The congregation wants a developer to bring in seven

floors of residential, commercial, or hotel space while the church retains control of four lower floors, including retail space that the church could rent out. It is taking bids that would keep the existing two-story, red build-

ing standing, as well as ones that would tear it down.

The demolition option is a switch from the church’s initial call for redevelopment in 2011, which only allowed for bids that keep the existing structure and build on

top of it.

Current zoning allows for up to 11 stories on the site, which is a stone’s throw from the Barclays Center and the Brooklyn Academy of Music. The church could make a hefty profit if it chooses to sell, but it would rather not move.

“It’s important for them to stay in the community and service the community,” said Marks. “And they can do this better in a better facility.”

Under the desired arrangement, the buyer would own any new commercial or residential space built, but the church would remain owner of its portion of the building, which it hopes would roughly double the size of the current space.

The building is not landmarked, but does appear on the National Register of Historic Places. It was originally erected in 1894 by Brooklyn’s first Baptist Congregation. The Romanesque Revival-style building is made from brownstone and brick. It was badly damaged by a fire and rebuilt in 1918.

This is not the first time one of the Borough of Churches’ namesake cha-

pels have tried to cash in on ballooning real estate values.

In 2012, leaders at the nearby Church of the Redeemer sought to have their own house of worship condemned and redeveloped in an arrangement similar to the one the Recovery House of Worship seeks, with a church on the ground floor and residential or commercial space above. And shrinking flocks and rising land prices have led numerous other churches to sell off their biggest assets — their buildings.



VOX POP

THE BOROUGH OF WHAT, NOW?

Brooklyn has long been known as the Borough of Churches. But with so many chapels selling out to deep-pocketed developers or, as in the case of Downtown’s Recov-

ery House of Worship, seeking a massive overhaul from them, is it still true?

We quizzed everyday Brooklynites, asking: “If Brooklyn is no longer the ‘Borough of

Churches,’ then what is it the borough of?”

The verdict? Not everybody agrees with our premise.

— photos and interviews by Matthew Perlman



It’s the “County of Kings.” It’s the new Manhattan. It’s in the middle of everything. It’s beautiful.

D.L. Jennings,
Williamsburg



It still is the Borough of Churches. If anyone says anything different, they don’t know what they’re talking about. Churches are everywhere. All different faiths, cultures, and denominations.

Elisa Liggins,
Coney Island



No one has said that to me in a while, but I think it’s still the Borough of Churches. If I go up on my roof and can see a ton of them.

Herb Rosenbaum,
Brooklyn Heights



It’s still the borough of churches to me. There’s so many of them! They’re all over the place.

Bertha Young,
Brownsville



I think it’s the Borough of Neighborhoods. It’s much more neighborhood-y than Manhattan. It has smaller, more unique neighborhoods that don’t bleed into each other.

Bailey Griswold,
Crown Heights



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Masked man steals purse

76TH PRECINCT Carroll Gardens-Cobble Hill-Red Hook

A masked villain stole a woman's cash and Social Security card in an apartment building on Hoyt Street on Feb. 13, cops said.

The 19-year-old woman was walking down the stairs of the building between Warren and Baltic streets at 10 am when a man wearing a ski mask, black jacket, and red sweatpants pushed her and grabbed her purse, taking \$300, her Social Security card, and a bank card, police reported.

Cops are looking for video footage in order to apprehend the suspect, they said.

Hack attack

Cops cuffed a lady on Feb. 14 who they say stole thousands from a Carroll Gardens woman's bank account last year.

The 19-year-old hacked into two bank accounts of the 44-year-old victim — who lives on Third Place between Court and Smith streets — last June and siphoned out \$1,800, cops said.

Detectives finally tracked the suspected cyber-criminal down on Valentine's Day and slapped her with grand larceny and identity theft charges.

Bling's the thing

A thief went on a jewelry-stealing rampage in a woman's apartment on Luquer Street between Feb. 11 and Feb. 13, police said.

The 42-year-old victim left her abode near Clinton Streets on Feb. 11 and, when she returned on Feb. 13 around 11 am, the rear window was open, according to cops. The crook took an antique diamond ring, one pair of cuff links, a 14-karat gold chain, set of pearl gold earrings, and other jewelry, police reported.

Bike buccaneer

A bandit pilfered a bicycle parked in a basement on Sullivan Street from Feb. 2 to Feb. 4, cops said.

The 17-year-old victim left his dark green mountain bike between Richards and Van Brunt streets at 3:15 pm on Feb. 2 and, when he returned at 3:25 pm two days later, it was nowhere to be found, police said.

Point and steal

A band of burglars stole camera from a woman's apartment on Third Place on Feb. 10, according to police.

The 29-year-old woman left her apartment between Smith and Court Streets at 8:40 am and, when she returned at 5:30 pm, she noticed that her Nikon camera and camera lens were missing, cops said.

— Megan Riesz

88TH PRECINCT Fort Greene-Clinton Hill

Show the rope

An acrobatic crook robbed a church on Adelphi Street during the night of Feb. 10, escaping through a second floor window with the help of a rope, police said.

The daredevil made off with \$150 in cash from the safe inside the church between Myrtle and Willoughby avenues, accord-

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ing to the cops.

Un-fare

Two goons followed a teen into the Clinton-Washington subway station on Feb. 11 and stole his phone, police said.

The 13-year-old told police he was heading down the stairs into the station at 3:45 pm, when terrible twosome pushed him against the wall and said, "Who you be with? Who you beat up?"

One of the louts stood lookout while the other took a cellphone from the kid's pocket before both va-moosed, police said.

Rolled on stroll

Two crooks robbed a man of his wallet at gunpoint in Washington Park on Feb. 11, police said.

The 33-year-old man was walking near Willoughby Avenue at around noon, when the dastardly duo approached and told him, "Give me all of your stuff," cops said.

The victim forked over his yellow wallet, which contained \$20 and credit and debit cards, according to authorities.

Drama-phone

Police arrested a ruffian who they say beat up an 18-year-old woman and stole her phone in an apartment in the Ingersoll Houses on Feb. 11.

The lowlife and the lady got into an argument in the flat on Saint Edwards Street between Monument Walk and Auburn Place at 9 pm, cops said. The galoot pinned her to a bed and started choking her and punching her in the back of the head, according to police.

The victim told cops her 19-year-old attacker snatched her phone during the fight and pulled out a black handgun, saying "What happened now." She fled, and cops arrested the man but did not recover a gun, according to a police report.

Bleached

Cops cuffed a teen who they say dumped bleach on her ex-boyfriend at his home on Fulton Street on Feb. 10.

The 17-year-old victim reported that his 15-year-old ex showed up at his house between Carlton Avenue and Adelphi Street at 8 am, and confronted him as he left his building.

The villainous youngster was carrying a bottle of bleach and dumped it on his lower back, damaging his jacket and clothes, police said. Cops arrested the girl at her home.

Mystery shank

A guy stabbed a 21-year-old with an unknown object on Myrtle Avenue in the Ingersoll Houses on Feb. 16, according to police.

The victim did not cooperate with the cops, but told them the assailant fled on Myrtle Avenue towards Fleet Place at 3:30 pm.

Slash and dash

A ruffian punched his girlfriend and slashed her with a knife in her home on

Putnam Avenue on Feb. 16, cops said.

The 48-year-old woman was fighting with her boyfriend at the home between Downing Street and Irving Place at 4:05 pm, when the brute punched her in the face, leaving a lump, police said.

Then the lout cut her on the hand with a knife and scrambled, leaving the victim to be taken to the Brooklyn Hospital Center for treatment, according to cops.

Fine print

Someone opened a new cellphone account in the name of a 53-year-old woman who lives on Cumberland Street sometime before Feb. 7, police said.

The victim, who lives between Fulton Street and Atlantic Avenue, noticed the \$161.90 charge on her phone bill late that afternoon, according to a report.

A lot of lotion

A crook snatched \$1,088 worth of beauty products from a Myrtle Avenue pharmacy on Feb. 10, police said.

The manager of the store between Ashland and Fleet Place said someone nabbed the products, which included facial cream, lotion, body wash, cocoa butter, and deodorant, at 2:15 pm and skeddaddled.

myPad

A slick thief snagged an electronic tablet from the hands of a subway passenger near the Atlantic Avenue-Barclays Center station on Feb. 11, cops said.

The 27-year-old victim explained that he boarded a Manhattan-bound Q train at Neck Road at 9:15 am.

As the train pulled into Atlantic, a guy in his 20s grabbed the electronic device and fled into the station, according to cops.

See clearly now

A shoplifter snagged \$8,000 worth of eyeglasses from a store on Flatbush Avenue Extension on Feb. 14, according to cops.

The thief entered the store between Fulton Street and Dekalb Avenue at 3:55 pm and scooped up the choice spectacles from the display case before scrambling, police said.

Tireless

A vandal swiped all four wheels from a parked car on Park Avenue sometime between Feb. 12 and on Feb. 14, according to police.

The car's 34-year-old owner told police he left the vehicle between Adelphi Street and Clermont Avenue at 5 pm and, when he returned on Feb. 14 at 7 am, his car was missing its tires and rims.

Roaming free

A thief snatched a woman's phone as she walked along Lafayette Avenue on Feb. 15, police said.

The 41-year-old victim told cops she was text-messaging her husband while walking near Carlton Avenue at 2 pm when the bandit came out of no where and grabbed the device, then booked it towards Cumberland Street.

Thieve the tip

A crook stole a woman's wallet from her purse in a restaurant on Fulton Street on Feb. 15, cops said.

The 35-year-old victim left her bag unattended on a bench in the restaurant between Washington Avenue and Saint James Place at 11:30 am and when she came back the wallet was gone, according to police. She told cops it contained some cash, a passport, and a debit card.

Position taken

A scoundrel plundered a global positioning system and a laptop from a car parked on Adelphi Street on Feb. 16, police said.

The 43-year-old owner parked his vehicle between Myrtle and Willoughby avenues at 4 am and, when he returned at 11 am, the passenger-side window was smashed and the items were missing, according to cops.

Civic booty

An anti-social auto-ophile drove off in someone else's 1992 Honda Civic on Ashland Place sometime overnight on Feb. 11, according to police.

The 38-year-old owner said he left the car between Myrtle Avenue and Willoughby Street and 9 pm and returned at noon the next day to find it gone.

— Matthew Perlman

68TH PRECINCT Bay Ridge-Dyker Heights

Bus-t up

Cops collared four people on 92nd Street for allegedly brawling aboard the S53 bus on Feb. 15.

An argument broke out between a lady in custody and three guys aboard the transport from Staten Island at 4:38 am, police said. The woman drew a blade and slashed the face of one of the guys and the trio began kicking and punching her in retaliation, authorities stated.

When the bus stopped between Fifth and Sixth avenues, the threesome reportedly dragged the gal out onto the street and continued beating her until the law pulled up and slapped the cuffs on all of them, cops said.

Con-stole

Police picked up a man who they say swiped the tech-laden center console of a Mercedes-Benz on 73rd Street on Feb. 15.

The vehicle's owner said she parked her car between Fort Hamilton Parkway and 10th Avenue at 9 am, and returned at 1:30 pm to discover the console — containing the stereo and navigation systems — gone, cops said.

Authorities arrested a suspect, who they say is a serial offender, two days later.

Jacked pot

A pickpocket pocketed a man's cellphone while the victim was scratching off a lotto ticket inside a Fourth Avenue bodega on Feb. 12, according to cops.

The victim said he was scraping away to discover if he had won a prize inside the store at the corner of 69th Street at 9:50 pm, when the crook sidled up. The sneak thief slid his hand into the victim's pocket and pulled out his phone, then scrambled out the door before the victim could stop him, police said.

Bar none

Crooks looted a 73rd Street apartment of \$2,500 after removing the burglar bars from its windows on Feb. 10, police reported.

The victim told cops he left his first floor home between Fort Hamilton Parkway and 10th Avenue at 9 am and returned at 8:45 pm to find the window guards gone and his cash stash missing. — Will Bredderman

94TH PRECINCT Greenpoint-Northside

Bad reception

A goon grabbed a woman from behind and stole her cellphone on N. Seventh Street on Feb. 16, cops said.

The 25-year-old victim told police she was about to walk into her apartment building between Have-meyer and Roebling street at 5 am when the lout ran up behind her, bowled her over, held her down, fished her iPhone out of her pocket, and scrambled.

Camera bagged

A stealthy robber attacked a man and ran off with his camera bag on Nassau Avenue on Feb. 10, cops said.

The victim told police that he left a bar at 4 am and headed towards the subway. When he got to the corner of Greenpoint Avenue and Russell Street, the bandit ran up from behind him, threw him to the ground, and grabbed his camera bag, police said.

Aww, nuts

A drunken scoundrel was arrested for kicking a police officer where the sun does not shine after he was caught trying to break into apartments on Franklin Street on Feb. 11, cops said.

A resident of a building between Green and Freeman streets called police at 1:30 am after the soused lout somehow got into the building and started banging on all the apartment doors.

"Let me in," the man screamed, while banging on doors and turning doorknobs, according to cops.

Police say that, when officers tried to arrest the wildman, he punched a cop and kicked him in the groin. The 29-year-old man was arrested and charged with assaulting a police officer.

Un-friendly

Cops cuffed a man who they say stabbed his friend in the leg during an argument on Graham Avenue on Feb. 12.

The 37-year-old victim reported he and the assailant were drinking at his home between Skillman and Conselyea streets at 11:50 pm. The pair started to argue and the friend suddenly picked up a knife and stabbed the victim three times in his left leg, police reported. The 42-year-old suspect was arrested and charged with assault.

Nab-top

A group of bad guests jacked a man's laptop after he invited them into his Graham Avenue apartment on Feb. 9, according to police.

The 26-year-old victim said he had four friends over to his pad between Skillman and Conselyea streets at midnight. They left, he slept, and he woke up to no laptop. — Danielle Furfaro

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Vouch surfing

Feds free up cash for hospitals, but Cuomo says LICH will miss the wave

By Megan Riesz
The Brooklyn Paper

Beleaguered Brooklyn hospitals could get skipped — and Long Island College Hospital will definitely get passed over — by the billions of dollars the feds gave the state to boost its healthcare system last week.

The five-year Medicaid grant announced on Feb. 13 will allow New York to re-invest \$8 billion in the state’s healthcare network and preserve services, but the money could miss the struggling Brooklyn hospitals that Gov. Cuomo and Mayor De Blasio say it will save because the disbursement process is governed by federal healthcare policy, not level of need. Gov. Cuomo specifically nixed the chances of the struggling Cobble Hill medical center getting the greenbacks, saying that the process of the state selling it off to developers with hospital partners makes it ineligible.

“[The Long Island College Hospital bidding process] is not directly connected to this Medicaid waiver situation,” he told the radio station WNYC.

As for the critically ill Interfaith Medical Center in East Flatbush and struggling Wyckoff Heights Medical Center in Bushwick and Brookdale University Hospital in Brownsville, the cash will prop them up as the state shaves their service levels, Cuomo said.

“This is about transforming hospitals that are financially un-sustainable because they have beds that are unneeded,” he said. “Will it mean that some hospital beds are reduced? Yes, because that’s the point of the exercise.”

An Obama administration



Photo by Elizabeth Graham



health honcho said that the money should not be seen as life support for ailing medical centers in a letter to Cuomo last month.

“[The waiver money] will not, nor should it, determine the future path for particular New York hospitals,” wrote Health and Human Services secretary Kathleen Sebelius in the letter.

Gov. Cuomo says that he will steer the cash to struggling hospitals, but the feds will negotiate the terms of the funding infusion with the state in coming weeks and the state is obligated to meet “ongoing milestones” in order to the receive the funding, a government spokeswoman said.

New York’s health commissioner warned that Long Island College Hospital would not be eligible for the waiver money, even if Cuomo was interested in providing it, because the money is supposed to be for new projects, Capital New York reported.

The feds were vague about what exactly the money should go towards.

“Over the last several months we have worked with dedicated leaders in New York on a waiver agreement that represents a significant commitment to improve care delivery in Medicaid that will result in better health outcomes for patients and lower healthcare costs for the program,” said Emma Sandoe, spokeswoman for the federal Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services. “We are encouraged that this agreement is entering the final stages of approval, and we look forward to continuing work with the state to achieve meaningful delivery system reform in New York.”

Activists and elected officials nevertheless cheered the waiver, saying that the freed-up money could be a godsend for Brooklyn’s hob-

ing medical students teaching and training residents in departments including internal medicine, surgery, emergency medicine, obstetrics, and gynecology.

Catsimatidis made his billions with the supermarket chain Gristedes and subsequent real estate and oil investments as head of the Red Apple Group. He lost to Joe Lhota by a landslide in the 2013 Republican mayoral primary. He has put up money for the revamp with Washington, former deputy mayor to Rudy Giuliani who is reportedly now a development consultant. The “final details are being worked out,” said a Chinese Community Accountable Care Organization spokeswoman last week.

Chen insists that, despite his team’s acknowledged lack of hospital-running chops, its blueprint is the only one that is financially sustainable.

“This hospital has a long record of losing money, clearly,” Chen said. “We can provide good quality and low-cost care.”

This is the first in a series profiling the proposals for redeveloping Long Island College Hospital.

LICH...

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cludes an actual hospital — the others call for housing and stores with a medical component — and Chen said that, with all the sick people his groups encounter, there will be no danger of empty beds.

“We as an organization would encourage our providers to bring the patients back [to Long Island College Hospital] and add more high-quality service to the campus,” he said.

Anti-hospital-closure activists have contested the notion that the Cobble Hill medical center has many empty beds, pointing out that the number of patients is roughly on par with staffing levels.

The proposed redevelopment would slash the number of beds from 506 to between 100 and 125, with a stated goal of increasing the number to 250 within a few years of opening, but would retain current staffers.

It would also overhaul the hospital’s many departments, turning some in-patient floors into a nursing

home and rehab facility and possibly turning over medical units to retailers.

“We might have [stores] to improve traffic to the area, but it’s not necessary,” said Chen.

The plan includes an emergency room. Four others include “emergency departments,” but given that the Chinese democracy plan is the only one that features any kind of hospital, it is hard to comprehend how the others are anything more than urgent care centers, which take ambulances but do not admit patients overnight.

The pitch also proposes restructuring the cardiology, obstetrics, gastroenterology, hepatitis, interventional radiology, and oncology departments and possibly starting an Alzheimer’s treatment center.

Under the plan, the healthcare facility would remain a teaching hospital run with the help of the State University of New York, which has spent the last year trying to shutter the facility. The system would continue educat-

residential roads,” said Kegan Stephan of the car critic group Right of Way. “If they do, this stretch could become a beautiful example of what a future New York City could look like.”

Trottenberg, for her part, thinks some belt-loosening measures are in order.

“One big challenge is the diversity of amazing food options in the neighborhood,” she said. “I pledge to try them all, but stay in fighting shape as we work to meet the city’s transportation needs.”



Associated Press

Long Island College Hospital (left) will not get any of the \$8 billion in Medicaid money the feds coughed up, but part of it will fund an extreme makeover of Interfaith Medical Center (above).

bled hospitals.

“These federal funds will help to protect healthcare in under-served communities,” New York State Nurses Association head Jill Furillo said. “Too many patients already lack access to quality care.”

The facilities should get a piece of the pie because they serve low-income areas, one elected official ar-

gued at a community board meeting on Feb. 12.

“These are safety net hospitals and they have a heavy Medicaid population,” Rep. Hakeem Jeffries (D—Brooklyn Heights) said.

A spokesman for the state York said the waiver does not disrupt its plans to sell off its valuable Cobble Hill real estate.

Coney stalwart dies at 84

By Will Bredderman
The Brooklyn Paper

It is the end of an era — and a long, great ride.

Albert G. Mangels — who helped create some of Coney’s most beloved attractions — passed away earlier this month at the age of 84.

Born in 1929, Mangels grew up next door to his grandfather, the legendary amusement-maker William F. Mangels, near the corner of Neptune Avenue and Ocean Parkway.

The family patriarch, who designed many of the People’s Playground’s most iconic attractions — including the recently restored B&B Carousel and the Tickler — was a large figure in his grandson’s life. The younger Mangels would recall years later doing odd jobs as a child at the W.F. Mangels ride-making plant on W. Eighth Street between Surf and Neptune avenues, now home to the Department of Motor Vehicles office.

Like his grandfather, father, and uncle, Albert Man-



Lisa Mangels-Schaefer

Albert G. Mangels

gels knew both the labor and administrative side of the business, working with his hands alongside the factory’s two dozen workers, as well as learning how to run the office. He studied engineering at City College and the Pratt Institute, and, after a stint in the Air Force, he took over the family business, eventually renaming it the A.G. Mangels Company.

He married his wife Eleanor in 1951, and had four children. Mangels raised his family in East Islip, Long Island, but the children got the full People’s Playground experience whenever they stayed with their grandmother and

they remember the family factory as a warehouse of wonders.

“There were always rides there, waiting to be shipped, waiting to be shown, and we would ride them before they went out,” Schaefer-Mangels recalled. “It was a good time to be a kid in Coney Island.”

When Sodom by the Sea’s fortunes dipped in the early 1970s, Mangels moved his factory out to Long Island, and continued to design and build his popular shooting galleries and children’s rides.

But the then-85-year-old business only survived another decade after leaving its native Coney turf, and closed in 1983, amid an economic downturn and increasing competition from Japanese manufacturers.

Mangels got to see one of his grandfather’s classic shooting galleries restored on Surf Avenue this past summer. But he fell ill last August and quickly declined, passing on Feb. 1.

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sion Zero plan to bring city traffic deaths down to zero by 2024.

“I look forward to working with them and their colleagues on our shared vision of making Brooklyn streets — and all of New York — safe and accessible,” she said.

Councilman Lander (D—Cobble Hill) first broke the news of her arrival.

“I am thrilled to have her in the district,” he said. “She is no stranger to Brooklyn.”

She comes to the job of ruler of New York’s roads from a post as second-in-command at the federal transportation department under President Obama and, before that, transportation policy advisor to Sen. Charles Schumer (D—New York), whose wife famously wants to rip out the bike highway on Prospect Park West.

Road safety activists are wasting no time in pushing projects for their new neighbor to pursue.

Brooklyn Heights is set to get the “slow zone” treatment from the city within the next three years and Boerum Hill got its designation, the borough’s first, less than two years ago, so a go-slow plan for Cobble Hill is a logical next step and would make busy Atlantic Avenue safer, according to one road warrior.

“These three communities together could implement complete street redesigns on Atlantic Avenue itself, calming this deadly arterial [street] that pours speeding traffic into their

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Murder rap for driver in child's death

Motorist that fatally hit a 9-year-old on sidewalk now faces felony charges

By Matthew Perlman
The Brooklyn Paper

The Brooklyn district attorney is slapping the driver who killed a 9-year-old boy in Fort Greene in November with murder charges.

Prosecutor Ken Thompson's indictment of Anthony Byrd in the Nov. 2 killing of Lucian Merryweather is unusual because deadly drivers almost always skate with mere tickets unless they are drunk. The borough's top lawman said that the prosecution is his way of trying to make our streets less mean.

"The people of Brooklyn must be free to walk down the streets of our borough without fear that they may be run over or injured by a motorist driving dangerously," said Thompson in a statement announcing the indictment on Feb. 14.

Byrd, 59, lives two blocks

from the site of the crash. He is charged with criminally negligent homicide, two counts of assault, and three traffic violations. This is no first-degree murder charge, which could carry life in prison, but it is certainly heavy-duty. The suspect faces up to four years in prison if convicted.

The moments leading up to Merryweather's death began when Byrd allegedly drove his 2000 Ford Explorer onto the sidewalk of DeKalb Avenue at the corner of Clermont Avenue and hit a building and a parked car, according to the indictment.

He then allegedly pulled a U-turn and headed in the wrong direction down DeKalb. Prosecutors say Byrd hit a second car before careening onto the sidewalk of Clermont Avenue, where his gas guzzler



Amy Cohen and Gary Eckstein, the parents of a boy who was killed by a van driver on Prospect Park West, address a rally of road safety advocates after Lucian Merryweather's Nov. 2 death.

smashed into three pedestrians, injuring two and ending Merryweather's life. Merryweather was walking with

his mother and brother when the allegedly out-of-control motorist killed him. Byrd's lawyer Danielle

Eaddy declined to comment, saying she had not yet seen the indictment, but added her client is not to blame.

"It was definitely an accident," Eaddy said.

Street safety activists say the indictment is a step forward from the slap-on-the-wrist tickets that reckless drivers usually face, if they incur any consequences at all.

"It's pretty groundbreaking here in New York City," said Adam White, an attorney who specializes in cases involving motor vehicle collisions involving pedestrians and cyclists. "That doesn't happen typically."

In most reckless driving cases, prosecutors look for an additional aggravating factor, like drinking, before bringing a criminal charge, White said.

"This is an obvious indication that [Thompson is] taking reckless driving more se-

riously," said White about the indictment.

Road-safety activist groups are taking note, too.

"This is the sort of thing that should be happening all the time," said Keegan Stephan, an organizer with the organization Right of Way, which advocates for lowering the speed limit to 20 miles per hour.

Road warriors have long pushed for better enforcement of what they call "sober reckless driving." They say law enforcement does not do a good job holding dangerous auto-pilots accountable.

"These incidents are considered accidents and to some extent inevitable," said Juan Martinez, a spokesperson for the car critic group Transportation Alternatives. "It's important that district attorneys bring tough charges."

STING...

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missive emphasized that drivers across the district — including in Windsor Terrace and Greenwood Heights — need to be slowed. The panel plans to request more crossing guards from the city, but says cops need to do their part to squeeze lead-foots who fail to yield and fly down thoroughfares near schools and senior centers, according to

Laufer. "Something like failure to yield to pedestrians is a district-wide issue," he said. "But there are other enforcement activities we feel should take place."

The area's 72nd Precinct issued only 178 failure-to-yield summonses to drivers throughout 2013, according to city data. Undercover cops hailing from Park



Cops needs to slow cars in Windsor Terrace, according to a local panel.

SLOW...

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ton, Lafayette, and Bedford avenues, and Fulton Street. The program would reduce the speed limit to 20 miles per hour and introduce speed humps and special signage announcing the designation.

On the other side of Classon Avenue, however, residents see the plan as misguided, saying that it will only worsen already-awful car clogging on major thoroughfares.

"It's an over-reaction," said Demetrice Mills, president of the Classon Fulgate Block Association. "We don't have a traffic safety issue in

this neighborhood. We have a traffic issue."

Mills said he took his car out on Classon Avenue to see how it felt driving at 20 miles per hour.

"Bicycles were passing me," he said. "They were flying by me."

The test driver, along with members of Community Board 3, say that the go-slow area would dump insult onto the injury already caused by the recent loss of a lane to the new B44 Select Bus Service route, on both Bedford and Nostrand avenues.

"Lots of people spoke

out against [the slow zone] at the public hearing," said Tremaine Wright, chairwoman of Community Board 3. "People were asking how it interplays with all the other changes."

Board members also asked city bean-counters for data on how the safety measures actually affect injury rates. The city's presentation of the plan included statistics showing that reduced speeds made roads safer in other countries, but it did not show how it has worked in Boerum Hill, where the policy went into effect two years ago.

The transportation department designated 15 communities in the city for the increased traffic safety measures last year, includ-

ing Clinton Hill and Bedford-Stuyvesant as one. Neighborhoods were supposedly chosen because of high accident rates, a concentration of schools, and demonstrated support from the community.

The Clinton Hill and Bedford-Stuyvesant slow zone would contain four schools and eight pre-kindergarten and daycare centers and its roads see an average of 62.4 injuries per year, according to the roads agency.

The city will move ahead with the plan despite the objections raised by Bedford-Stuyvesant residents, leaving some steaming.

"Why even bring it to the community board?" asked Mills.

Greenpoint Y lovingly kicks off 2014 fund-raising campaign on Valentine's Day



Suyana Crespo, center, a 7-year old from the Y's after school program, broke her piggy bank and donated all her savings of \$58 to the Greenpoint Y's 2014 Annual Campaign. Suyana, pictured with her mom, left, had brought her own handwritten speech, and with complete confidence tremendous charisma spoke about why she likes the Y and how nice her teachers are. Needless to say, she captured the hearts of everyone in the audience. She was presented with a large crystal award by long-time board chair, Paul Pullo, right, who co-incidentally joined the Greenpoint Y back when he was 5 years old, and joked about how maybe someday she could be the Y board chair. Her award read "In recognition that doing ordinary things in an extraordinary way will assure you of an extraordinary future."



Y scholar teens from Williamsburg Prep urged the audience to Step Up and support the Y through a phenomenal STEP dance performance. Y Scholars Step Team - Diamond Archer, Briana Cabrera, Keylah Escarlara, Alisha Francis, Christian Gonzalez, Charisma Melendez, Tatyana Spence, Stewart Sterling and Evans Manuel, their instructor.



L to R: Paul Custer, SVP, Government Relations & Corporate Secretary, Paul Pullo, Greenpoint Y Board Chair, Jack Lund, CEO of YMCA of Greater New York, Councilman, Steve Levin, and Michael Kawochka, Board Member



Keith Hicks, Executive Director and Peter Cruz, Board Member and Emcee



Greenpoint Y board members Roseanne Antonucci, Peter Cruz, Susanne Antonucci, Paul Pullo, and La-Asia Hundley



Pat Kiernan of NY1 News, Tatiana Terzuoli, Director of Communications at the Greenpoint Y, and Assemblyman Joseph Lentol at the kickoff event



Left: Brooklyn Paper publisher Celia Weintrob with board member Michael McKenna. Right: Brooklyn Paper publisher Celia Weintrob with board member Heidi Shea Springer.



OST (Out of School Time) parent Izabela Lutynski, left, explained how Kendell Monk, OST Director at the Y, helped her family by providing afterschool care for her daughter.



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Proud Mary: Beast Of Bourbon bartender Jennifer S. serves up the bar's own take on a Bloody Mary, ahead of the "Bloody Mary Mix-Off" on Feb. 24.

Brooklyn in heat

The borough is firing up for a spicy food double-header

By Max Jaeger
The Brooklyn Paper

The temperature may be freezing, but Brooklyn is heating up!

On Feb. 24 and 25, two bar-based events in the borough will celebrate fiery foodstuffs — first a Bloody Mary making competition in Bedford-Stuyvesant, followed by a talk on the history of hot sauce in Gowanus.

So if you can you stand the heat, get out of the kitchen and fire up your taste buds.

Bloody Monday

Brooklyn bartenders, get ready to sweat!

As part of the 2014 New York City Hot Sauce Expo, each borough is hosting its own heat of the expo's annual "Bloody Mary Mix-Off."

The Brooklyn throw-down will take place at bar and barbecue joint Beast of Bourbon on Feb. 24, where 22 local bartenders will compete to represent the Borough of Kings.

Each competitor will have just 90 seconds to serve up their best rendition of everyone's favorite hangover drink.

A panel of expert judges will then grade the drinks on presentation, taste, and creativity in a blind taste test.

And spectators won't go wanting, either — those who turn up to cheer for their favorite Mary mixologist will be rewarded with free samples.

The top three bartenders will go on to the final the following week, so Monday's

The spice market

Spice up your life with some Brooklyn-brewed hot sauces. Just how many variations on the mouth-searing condiment can one borough cook up? You might be surprised!

JoJo's Sriracha

Not the stuff with the rooster on it — this small-batch take on Sriracha is made right here, using local and mostly organic ingredients, by Park Slope heat-seeker Jolene Collins.

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Brooklyn Grange

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Available online at With Love, From Brooklyn (www.withlovefrombrooklyn.com).

Pinata

For those who like a little sweet to balance out the spicy, this take on the genre from a Brooklyn Heights husband and wife team mixes pineapple and habanero peppers. The couple have Pinata made in their native Florida, but it is mostly distributed in and around their neighborhood.

Available at Stinky Bklyn [261 Smith St. at Degraw Street in Carroll Gardens, (718) 596-2873, www.stinkybklyn.com].

Queen Majesty

Boerum Hill-based hot-head Erica Diehl is a regular fixture at the Smorgasburg market. Cooked up in Red Hook, both flavors of her Queen Majesty pepper sauces are made

with a twist — one with tequila and lime, the other with ginger root.

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Sunny Bang Private Label

Fort Greene chef Sunny Bang claims his "probiotic" hot sauce, which ferments for two weeks and utilizes vinegar made by a Benedictine monk, helps replenish beneficial bacteria in your gut. It is also great on eggs.

Available at Greene Grape Provisions [765 Fulton St. between S. Portland Avenue and S. Oxford Street in Fort Greene, (718) 233-2700].

Bacchanal

Sonya Samuel fires up her Caribbean-style pepper sauce in Bushwick. Named after the Caribbean term for a fete, her blend includes a tropical mix of scotch bonnet peppers, pineapple, papaya, chilies, and spices.

Available at By Brooklyn [261 Smith St. at Degraw Street in Cobble Hill, (718) 643-0606, www.bybrooklyn.com]. — Ruth Brown

competition will truly determine the best Bloody Marys in Brooklyn, said the expo's co-owner Lisa Seabury.

"We want to see who reps the borough the best," she said.

"Bloody Mary Mix-Off" at Beast of Bourbon [708 Myrtle Ave. between Spencer and Walworth streets in Bedford-Stuyvesant, (347) 789-9901, www.beastofbourbonbk.com]. Feb. 24 at 7:30 pm. Free entry.

Spice School

Are your ears burning?

Heat-seekers can get schooled on all things picante when foodie educators the Masters of Social Gastronomy host a talk at Littlefield on the history of heat.

At "Burnin' Down The Mouth" Brooklyn Brainerd co-founder Jonathan Soma and "historic gastronomist" Sarah Lohman will take spice fanatics back into culinary history to explain how spicy flavors melted eaters' hearts in the 1600s.

The discussion will also explore the explosive popularity of Sriracha — the Eastern-inspired chili sauce that is really "as American as apple pie," as Soma puts it.

Sriracha production has cooled since a high-profile heated legal battle began between the owner and the California town in which it is manufactured.

But despite the ongoing litigation, Soma said Sriracha isn't going anywhere. "It's not a fad," she said. "Like black pepper, I think it's going to be a part of the American pantry for a long time."

"Burnin' Down The Mouth" at Littlefield [622 Degraw St. between Third and Fourth avenues in Gowanus, (718) 855-3388, www.littlefieldnyc.com]. Feb. 25 at 8 pm. Free.

CULTURE

Deep history

There is no need to dig up the past at this educational event — just drive quietly through it.

On Feb. 22, Green-Wood Cemetery is set to host a Black History Month trolley tour, which will pay tribute to former slaves, abolitionists, and artists who are buried in the massive city of the deceased.

"We have a range of fascinating individuals," said cemetery historian Jeff Richman, who will lead the excursion.

Patrons will follow Richman as he tells the stories of two-dozen visionaries entombed in the 19th century burial ground, including abolitionist and prison reformer Isaac Hopper, who helped violinist-turned-slave Solomon Northrop publish his memoir "Twelve Years a Slave." Other highlights include Dr. Susan Smith McKinney-Steward, the first black female doctor in the state, and Margaret Franks, a slave who purchased her husband's freedom after she herself was emancipated.

"A tour like this allows me to learn and get the information out there to people who are interested," said Richman, who has been the graveyard's historical guru since 2006. "We have a number of famous people."

The cemetery has been trying to pull together a tour of this kind for several years, but with over half a million dead residents, it has not been so easy to create a catalog of heroes specific to Black History Month. But by consulting the census and other records, Richman and the Green-Wood team eventually compiled an archive of both renowned and lesser-known residents who shaped American history for the better.

"These men and women were true visionaries and leaders," Green-Wood head Richard J. Moylan said in a statement. "Their extraordinary contributions shaped our nation's history and it is our mission at historic Green-Wood to honor these remarkable individuals to keep their history alive for generations to come."

"Black History Month Trolley Tour" at the Green-Wood Cemetery [500 25th Street in Greenwood, (718) 768-7300, www.greenwood.com]. Feb. 22 at 1 pm. \$20, \$15 for members of the Green-Wood Historic Fund.

— Megan Riesz

MUSIC

Shark attack

Just like its deliciously dangerous name, there is a touch of sweetness in the biting sound of Sharkmuffin.

On the band's latest album, "1097," the all-female Williamsburg garage rock trio matches the minimalist punch of the White Stripes with the fuzzier side of the Cramps, then tempers it with some sugar via the group's charismatic front-woman Tarra Thiessen. The raven-haired singer and guitarist cuts through the fray like a fin, with a powerful voice reminiscent of '60s icons such as Mary Wells and Ronnie Spector.

But as confident as she is on stage, Thiessen said it took her a long time to feel comfortable in the lead role. Initially, she wrote all the band's songs, then gave them to other members to sing. It wasn't until 2012 that Thiessen decided it was time she took center stage.

"I just got tired of it," she said. "I figured I might as well do it by myself."

Since then, Sharkmuffin has remained in constant motion. The group — which also includes bassist Natalie Kirch, and drummer Janet LaBelle — has released three short albums, and has generated a significant amount of buzz at both South by Southwest Music Festival and the CMJ Music Marathon.

The band will play the Rock Shop in Park Slope on Feb. 27, off the back of a promising jaunt to Los Angeles. While there, they played the Unraveled Music Festival, where Hole drummer Patty Schemel surprised them by offering to sit in for an injured LaBelle.

"She emailed me out of the blue," said Thiessen. "It was, like, 'What? How do you know who we are?'"

The rapid pace of both the band's music and rise to success are no coincidence.

"I'm incredibly impatient and have a really short attention span," said Thiessen. "I want everything to happen really fast."

Sharkmuffin plays the Rock Shop [249 Fourth Ave. between Carroll and President streets in Park Slope, (718) 230-5740, www.therockshopny.com]. Feb. 27 at 7:30 pm. \$8-\$10. — Robert Ham



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February 21

Bohemian rhapsody
A plot-light story about impoverished creatives getting drunk and moaning about their relationships, "La Boheme" is basically "Girls" set in 1840s Paris. Complete the comparison by seeing it performed in a Williamsburg loft when LoftOpera stages the popular opera, complete with a 19-piece orchestra.

9 pm at the 1869 [215 Inghram St. between Starr and St. Nicholas Wyckoff and St. Nicholas avenues in Bushwick, (917) 865–8660, www.batha.us]. Free entry.

SATURDAY
February 22

Get sauced
Got a craving for some top-shelf condiments? Artisan pop-up market Batchery is gathering makers of local hot sauce, honey, jam, peanut butter, salsa, relish, and more in one place. There will also be non-spreadable foods available for sampling and purchase, plus free hot chocolate and live music.

Noon at Bat Haus [279 Starr St. between Wyckoff and St. Nicholas avenues in Bushwick, (917) 865–8660, www.batha.us]. Free entry.

SUNDAY
February 23

Sweep the leg, Johnny
Strike first, strike hard, and show no mercy at a special brunch screening of "The Karate Kid" at Videology. The event will include a Skype Q&A with the film's director John G. Avildsen. Don't be scared to ask him that burning question you have had since 1984 — fear does not exist in this cinema.

11:45 am Videology [308 Bedford Ave. at S. First Street in Williamsburg, (718) 782–3468, www.videology.info]. \$11.

MONDAY
February 17

Star power
Celebrity astrophysicist Neil deGrasse Tyson comes to the Brooklyn Academy of Music for a live recording of his "StarTalk" podcast. Tyson will be joined by Park Slope comedian Eugene Mirmam and "Big Bang Theory" actress Mayim Bialik — who also holds a doctorate in neuroscience.

8 pm at Brooklyn Academy of Music [30 Lafayette Ave. between Ashland Place and St. Felix Street in Fort Greene, (718) 636–4100, www.bam.org]. \$35–\$50.

WEDNESDAY
February 26

Clean copy
Can't get that McDonald's smell out of your car? Jolie Kerr, author of the hilarious "Ask a Clean Person" column on websites Jezebel and Deadspin, reveals both her scrubbing secrets and her new book, "My Boyfriend Barfed In My Handbag," in Dumbo.

7pm at powerHouse Arena [37 Main St. at Water Street in Dumbo, (718) 666–3049, www.powerhousearena.com]. Free.

NINE DAYS IN BROOKLYN

FRI, FEB. 21
ART, "JUDY RIFKA — STAR STREET": Exhibition curated by Alison Pierz featuring graffiti work and video installation. Free. By appointment. Trestle Projects [400 Third Ave. at Sixth Street in Gowanus, (718) 858–9069], www.trestlegallery.org/upcoming.
ART, "LADAKH: Land of High Passes": Exhibition of photographs and interviews by Uwe Gielen with members of a Tibetan Buddhist society that had limited contact with Western culture. Free. 8 am–8 pm. St. Francis College [180 Remsen St. between Court and Clinton streets in Brooklyn Heights, (718) 489–5200], https://www.sfc.edu.
ART, "IDIOM II": Group show featuring the work of Justin Amrhein, Beth Campbell, Jonathan Herder, Mark Lombardi, William Powhida, and Ward Shelley. Free. 11 am–6 pm. Pierogi [177 N. Ninth St. between Bedford and Driggs avenues in Williamsburg], www.pierogi2000.com.
ART, "WITNESS — ART AND CIVIL RIGHTS IN THE SIXTIES": Exhibition that explores how artists expressed the Civil Rights era. \$12 (suggested). 11 am–6 pm. Brooklyn Museum [200 Eastern Pkwy. at Washington Avenue in Prospect Heights, (718) 638–5000], www.brooklynmuseum.org.
ART, "THROUGH AND THROUGH": Solo exhibition featuring NARS Foundation artist Brian Stinemetz. Free. Noon–7 pm. Ground Floor Gallery [343 Fifth St. at Fifth Avenue in Park Slope], www.groundfloorbk.com.
ART, "MICHAEL ROUILLARD — PAINTINGS": Featuring a group of new white, geometric paintings on thin aluminum panels. Free. Noon–6 pm. Minus Space [111 Front St. between Washington and Adams streets, Suite 226 in DUMBO, (347) 525–4628], www.minusspace.com.
ART, "WIDE RECEIVERS & TIGHT ENDS": Exhibition by Mónica Sziládi. Free. Noon–6 pm. Smack Mellon [92 Plymouth St. at Washington Street in Dumbo, (718) 834–8761], www.smackmellon.org.
ART, "DMMDIA": Exhibition by Robert Hickman. Free. Noon–6 pm. Smack Mellon [92 Plymouth St. at Washington Street in DUMBO, (718) 834–8761], www.smackmellon.org.
ART, "PRAYER RUGS: Arboreal Photography": Exhibition of photographs by Charles Heppner. Free. Noon–7 pm. Grumpy Bert [82 Bond St. between Atlantic Avenue and State Street in Boerum Hill, (347) 855–4849], www.grumpybert.com.
ART, "SOFT SUBSTITUTES/HEAVY THINKING": Exhibition of painters Rick Briggs, Daniel Gun Gadd, Jessica Weiss and Installation artist Jason Gandy. Free. 1:30–6 pm. Elgin Gallery [52 Tompkins Ave. in Bedford-Stuyvesant, (917) 439–1460], www.elginalgallery.com.
ART, "TENDER TURBULENCE": Group show featuring Ellen Chuse,

Photo by Jens Nordstrom

Dinosaur seniors: Indie rock pioneers Sebadoh brings lo-fi links to Baby's All Right on Feb. 25.

Laurie Lee-Georgescu, and Nancy Lunsford. Free. 4–7 pm. 440 Gallery [440 Sixth Ave. between Ninth and 10th streets in Park Slope, (718) 499–3844], www.440gallery.com.
LEGENDS: It's "Legend"ary-Ringling Bros. and Barnum & Bailey present awe-inspiring feats of daring, magical and mystical creatures, and spectacles of strength and thrills of wonder at this all new show. \$15–\$85. 3 pm and 7 pm. Barclays Center [620 Atlantic Ave. at Pacific Street in Prospect Heights, (917) 618–6100], www.barclayscenter.com.
USED BOOK SALE: Pick through thousands of used books, CDs, DVDs, and vinyl. Free–\$20. 7–9:30 pm. Park Slope United Methodist Church [410 Sixth Ave. between Seventh and Eighth streets in Park Slope, (917) 328–7125], www.park-slopeumc.org.
THEATER, "HARRIET TUBMAN — WHEN I CROSSED THAT LINE TO FREEDOM": Production celebrating the rich heritage of the Underground Railroad as part of Black History Month. \$25. 7:30 pm. Irontale Center [85 S. Oxford St. at Lafayette Avenue in Fort Greene, (718) 488–9233], www.ironale.org.
NERD NITE PLUS SPEED DATING: A night of presentations and trivia. \$25 (\$10 presentations only). 7:30 pm. Galapagos Art Space [16 Main St. at Water Street in Dumbo, (718) 222–8500], www.galapagosartspace.com.
THEATER, "CAMINO REAL": The theater department performs Tennessee Williams's play. \$15 (\$10 students, \$12 seniors). 7:30 pm. Whitman Theater at Brooklyn College [Campus Road between Hiller Place and Avenue H in Flatbush, (718) 951–4500], dephome.brooklyn.cuny.edu/theater.
THEATER, "MAID'S DOOR": Family drama written by Cheryl L. Davis. \$15–\$25 (children and seniors \$12–\$15). 8 pm. Billie Holiday Theatre [1368 Fulton St. between Marcy and Brooklyn avenues in Bedford-Stuyvesant, (718) 636–0918], www.thebillieholiday.org.

THEATER, "CANDIDE": Theater 2020 celebrates its 40th anniversary production of the Hal Prince version of Leonard Bernstein's musical. \$18. 8 pm. Saint Charles Borromeo Church [19 Sidney Pl. between Joralemon Street and Aitken Place in Brooklyn Heights], www.brownpapertickets.com/event/543936.
FUTUREMATE: Hosts Matt & Pam match up audience members in this post-apocalyptic dating show, set in a future United States that has been devastated by the Cataclysm, where finding a fertile mate has become more challenging than ever. \$20. 8 pm. The Brick [575 Metropolitan Ave. at Lorimer Street in Williamsburg, (718) 907–6189], www.bricktheater.com.
THEATER, "THE LEGEND OF YAUNA": The theatrical music and dance experience shares the wisdom of Yauna, an ancient narrative set 12,000 years ago that spotlights the indigenous Bana Kuma ceremonies of Zimbabwe. \$35. 8 pm. BAM Fisher [321 Ashland Pl. at Hanson Place in Fort Greene, (718) 636–4100], www.bam.org/music/2014/the-legend-of-yauna.
MUSIC, METRO CHAMBER ORCHESTRA: Performing the music of Berg, R. Strauss, and Mussorgsky. \$30–\$40. 8 pm. Roulette [509 Atlantic Ave. at Third Avenue in Boerum Hill], www.brownpapertickets.com/event/445917.
MUSIC, MEET ME IN THE BATHROOM AND TELL ME ALL YOUR SECRETS: A night of comedy and music with Dave Hill, Valley Lodge, Walter Schreifels, Jim Tews, Brad Steuernagel, and Joey Pfeifer. \$10. 8:30 pm. Union Hall [702 Union St. at Fifth Avenue in Park Slope, (718) 638–4400], www.unionhallny.com.
THE WASABASSCO FAMILY STRIP-TEASE 70S VARIETY HOUR: Night of burlesque inspired by the the glamour of the 1970s. \$20. 8:30 pm. Bell House [149 Seventh St. at Third Avenue in Gowanus, (718) 643–6510], www.thebellhouseny.com.
MUSIC, SOUL CLAP: \$20. 2 pm. Output [74 Wythe Ave. at N. 12th Street in Williamsburg], outputclub.com.

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KARAOKE KILLED THE CAT: Karaoke dance party for people who never thought they'd like karaoke. Free. Midnight. Union Hall [702 Union St. at Fifth Avenue in Park Slope, (718) 638–4400], www.unionhallny.com.

SAT, FEB. 22
MUSIC, THE DEAD TRICKS, LOST IN SOCIETY, UP FOR NOTHING, REDBUSH, DEAD LIZZARD, TAIL LIGHT REBELLION: \$10. 8 pm. Trash Bar [256 Grand St. at Driggs Avenue in Williamsburg, (718) 599–1000], www.thetrashbar.com.
MUSIC, AKIE BERMIS: As part of BAMCafe Life. Free. 9 pm. Brooklyn Academy of Music [30 Lafayette Ave. between Ashland Place and St. Felix Street in Fort Greene, (718) 636–4100], www.bam.org.
THEATER, "COLOR BETWEEN THE LINES: The Abolitionist Struggle in Brooklyn": Production celebrating the rich heritage of abolitionism as part of Black History Month. \$25. 7:30 pm. Irontale Center [85 S. Oxford St. at Lafayette Avenue in Fort Greene, (718) 488–9233], www.ironale.org.
DANCE, ROMANO DROM: Performing as part of the World to Brooklyn dance-party series. The night features an open bar, dance lesson, and DJ after-party. \$25 (\$20 WMI Friends). 8 pm. Roulette [509 Atlantic Ave. at Third Avenue in Boerum Hill], roulette.org.
FILM, BAMKIDS FILM FESTIVAL: Shorts and full-length films offering children a tour of the world. \$13 (\$9 children, \$7 members). 10 am–4:30 pm. BAM Kids [30 Lafayette Ave. at Ashland Place in Fort Greene, (718) 636–4129], www.bam.org.
AFRICAN DANCE PERFORMANCE: MatLife and the Center for African and Diaspora Dance presents Four Corners of Africa with Iris Wilson and Dancers. Free with Museum admission. Noon and 1 pm. Brooklyn Children's Museum [145 Brooklyn Ave. at St. Marks Avenue in Crown Heights, (718) 735–4400], www.brooklynkids.org.
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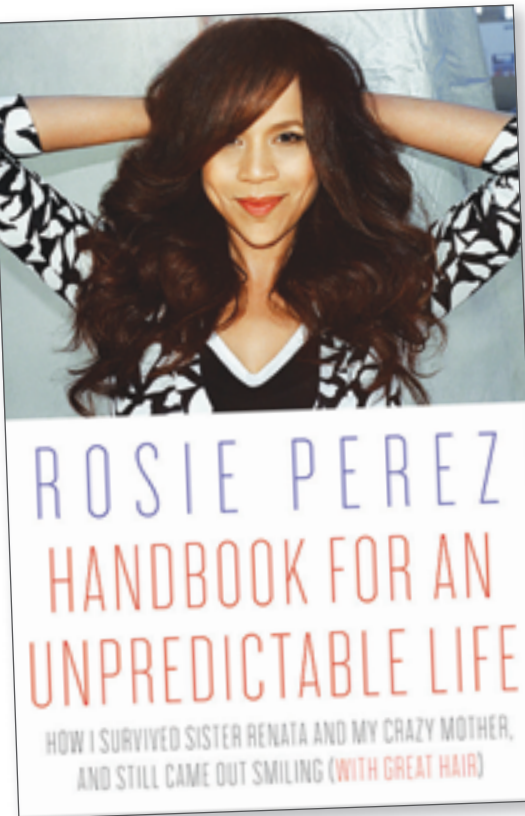
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SRDS



Perez does the write thing

Bklyn actress reveals traumatic childhood in new memoir

By Ruth Brown
The Brooklyn Paper

It is hard to keep Rosie Perez down—and more than a few have tried. In her candid new memoir, “Handbook for an Unpredictable Life,” the Brooklyn-born actress reveals her difficult childhood in Bushwick and upstate New York, chronicling the poverty, racism, sexism, and abuse she overcame on the rocky road to stardom. With a stoic sense of humor—and more than a few expletives—Perez details how she was taken from her aunt’s care at a young age by her men-

tally ill mother, and put into an orphanage, where she was subject to regular beatings and humiliation by the resident nuns. The story continues through her film debut in “Do the Right Thing,” and subsequent struggles with the media and life as a public figure. But despite the often heavy content, the book remains an easy and enjoyable read, thanks to Perez’s colorful, conversational writing style and a cracking pace that doesn’t dwell long on even the darkest passages. On Feb. 26, Perez will discuss her life and work as part of Saint Joseph’s College’s “Brooklyn Voices” series. We caught up with Perez ahead of the event.

BOOKS
Rosie Perez at St. Joseph’s College’s [245 Clinton Ave. between Dekalb and Willoughby avenues in Clinton Hill, (718) 940-5300, www.sjcnj.edu]. Feb. 26 at 7:30 pm. Free.

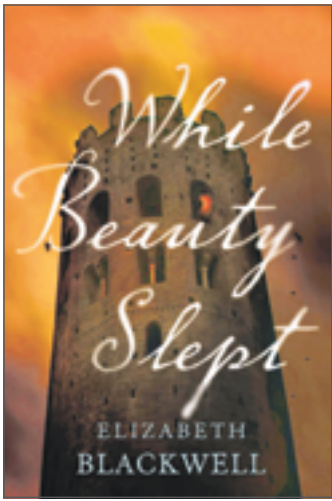
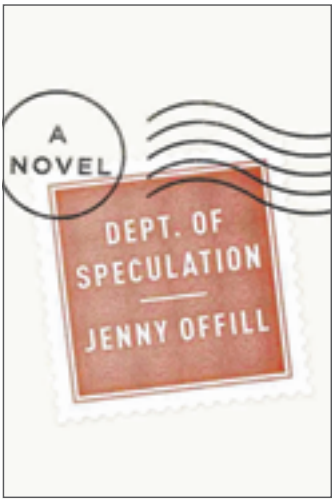
Ruth Brown: Was it difficult to relive all the hard parts of your childhood while writing the book?
Rosie Perez: It was difficult at times but also very enlightening and absolutely amusing. There were good times that made me laugh out loud. The absurdity made me laugh at times as well, and also allowed a safe distance to

examine and feel good about all that I overcame.
RB: What was your intention in writing the book?
RP: It was more about getting it out, to validate my experience and feelings about what had happened, and most importantly, to move on. If it inspires readers, that would be the icing on the cake—a true blessing.
RB: You wrote about the things you both loved and hated about your childhood neighborhood of Bushwick. Have things changed?
RP: Yes, the neighborhood is changing very quickly, but there are sections that have remained pretty much the same. Gentrification is a blessing and a curse. To watch people, who have lived and continue to live there, not able to participate in the “good” changes is heartbreaking. I hope the benefits are more evenly distributed. And that the residents that have been there forever garner the respect they deserve and not feared or looked at as being subpar.

More recommended reading

Brooklyn booksellers give their top picks for new books

WORD’s pick
“Dept. of Speculation” by Jenny Offill: This tiny jewel of a book is pensive, heartbreaking, glorious, and deftly, impeccably pieced together. Our narrator, known only as the “wife,” makes her way through endless everyday challenges—a crying baby, a shaky marriage, the never-ending task of reconciling the person you thought you would be with the person it seems you actually are. Ovid, Rilke, Kafka, astronauts, I Can Has Cheezburger—the things woven into her observations and consolations are familiar, but Offill’s brief, poignant snippets of a life are anything but ordinary. This little book is hard to explain and impossible to put down. At about 175 pages, you can devour it in one cold night.
—Molly Templeton, WORD [126 Franklin St. at Milton Street in Greenpoint, (718) 383-0096, www.wordbrooklyn.com].



quiet for over 50 years, allowing rumors to swirl about Rose, the princess asleep in her castle and awoken by true love’s kiss. But when her great-granddaughter finds a jewel-encrusted dagger in Elise’s trunk, the actual tale is finally revealed. Elise was lady-in-waiting to first the Queen and then Princess Rose. She experienced first-hand the evil that Millicent, the King’s sister, was capable of when she wanted her rightful place in court. A masterful twist at the end where the entire castle

is asleep as a prince comes to save his princess brings our fairy tale to life. Truly magical and brilliant in its ordinary true-to-life retelling of a wonderful classic.
—Bina Valenzano, co-owner, The BookMark Shoppe [8415 Third Ave. between 84th and 85th streets in Bay Ridge, (718) 833-5115, www.bookmarkshoppe.com].

Greenlight’s pick
“Karate Chop” by Dorte Nors: Danish writer Dorte Nors’

slim but stunning story collection, “Karate Chop,” may be one of the best collections of 2014. Each piece, while deceptively short, contains enormous power and offers keen insight into the brief, sometimes overlooked, but often life-changing moments of our lives. I can’t wait to see more from this writer.
—Emily Russo, Greenlight Bookstore [686 Fulton St. between S. Elliott Place and S. Portland Avenue in Fort Greene, (718) 246-0200, www.greenlightbookstore.com].

BAR SCRAWL

Greenpoint's quirky beer bar The Diamond defied last Saturday's snowstorm with a raucous beach party.

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"I gave him fair warning that it was not the most danceable playlist," said Flannery. "It ended up being one of the coolest weddings we have played."

**COMEDY, DUMBO COM-
EDY:** Standup hosted by
Aaron Kominos-Smith and
Meghan Hanley. **Free.**
8 pm. Dish Dumbo [8]

TWIN PEAKS BINGO: Gather with fellow Twin Peaks lovers, gorge on doughnuts and Agent Cooper cocktails, and play bingo! **Free.** 8:30 pm. Videology (308 Bedford Ave. at S. First Street in Williamsburg), www.videologyv.info.

MUSIC, MARA ROSEN-BLOOM: \$15 (suggested). 8:30 pm and 10 pm. Ibeam Music Studio (168 Seventh St. between Second and Third avenues in Gowanus). ibeambrooklyn.com.

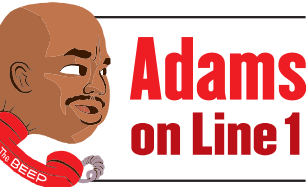
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Boro President, by the numbers

Wants to use real-time data to bring services out of the ‘Ice Age’



Bill Egbert: You came into office with lots of new ideas. What are some of the changes you’re making at Borough Hall?

Eric Adams: I’ve created a street team — staffers who had traditionally office-type jobs are moving out to the streets. It’s a new department called External Affairs. The idea is to get out and meet people where they are and see what they need.

We need to do a better job at seeing what’s out there. We have a lot of people in this borough, a lot of tools, and we need to learn how to make use of what we have more efficiently. Before we go asking for more, we need to take a proper look at what we have and what we’re doing with it.

BE: You’re a former cop and you’ve talked about taking the NYPD’s CompStat approach and applying it at

Borough Hall. How would that work?

EA: We’ve already started using the CompStat model at Borough Hall — centralizing data and resources, and cross-referencing them to get people and services where they’re needed. I’m meeting soon with some of Brooklyn’s education and tech giants to work on designing a mapping system to track services and direct resources in a data-based way instead of this guessing game we’ve been playing.

BE: What sort of services would you monitor? Things like snow removal?

EA: I had a conversation with Mayor DeBlasio the other day and talked to him about using the CompStat model to improve the efficiency of city agencies, and he actually mentioned snow removal. I think he realizes that it’s time to move out of the Ice Age and into the Tech



Age for snow removal. The technology is there. The problem is that in many city agencies the mindset isn’t there — yet.

BE: You’ve also said you want to bring new people onto local community boards. What sort of people are you looking for?

EA: I think we need to get more people on the community boards who have worked for volunteer groups in their neighborhoods. We want people to have spent time in the minor leagues, so to speak, before we promote them to the major league of the community boards.

BE: Traffic safety has been a hot topic in the borough, and you’ve expressed support for Mayor DeBlasio’s Vision Zero. How do you think we can make Brooklyn’s streets safer?

EA: There is no magic bullet for traffic safety. We

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tious if you like the black chewy stuff. The espresso has a light taste that works well with the strong licorice syrup. And in case the candy flavor leaves you craving the real thing, the concoction comes with two pieces of licorice on a spoon.

We partook for journalism’s sake. But what about everyday Brooklyn java hounds? Would they pay \$7 for a taste?

“I might buy one occasionally as a treat,” said Glenda Cortez, stopping into Budin on opening day.

Another customer was less eager.

“Honestly, probably not,” said Joe Levinson, slurping a less expensive cup of joe.

The Nordic-themed cafe on Greenpoint Avenue, between Franklin Street and Manhattan Avenue, offers cups of regular old drip coffee for the utilitarian caffeine-seeker.

But fancy northern European roasts from names renowned among the coffee

cognoscenti — including Tim Wendelboe from Norway, Koppe from Sweden, and Drop Coffee, also from Sweden — range from \$4.50 to \$5 per cup.

More money gets customers a more lavish presentation.

The higher-priced varieties are made with a filter inside a porcelain cone

that the barista pours hot water over.

And, to complete the royal treatment, the finished product comes in a tiny carafe on a silver platter.

| BEAN COUNTER: Seven bucks is the highest price we have ever seen for a Brooklyn latte (for comparison, a peppermint latte at Starbucks runs \$5.39), but the \$7 latte’s appearance on the scene made us wonder if there are any coffee drinks more expensive out there. We asked Budin’s competition around the borough for their costliest concoctions. Here is what we found. | | | | | | | |
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DUMBO...

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The project is under construction at the corner of Dock and Water streets, nestled between the Manhattan and Brooklyn bridges a block from the East River.

The nine-story building will include 290 residential units, street-level retail space, and a 300-seat pub-

lic middle school.

The 58 apartments earmarked for lower-income families range in price from \$539 to \$893 per month and include studio and one- and two-bedroom units.

The cheap digs are available to families with incomes between \$19,024 and \$41,950.

The lion's share of so-called-affordable units, 30



of them, are one-bedrooms that will rent for \$737.

Compare those prices to what the average Dumbo abodes rent for, according to the MNS Rental Market Report, which puts the neighborhood at the top of the borough price spectrum. A typical Dumbo studio runs \$2,783. A one-bedroom: \$3,939. And a two-bedroom: just more than five grand a month.

Residents of Dumbo, Downtown Brooklyn,

Boerum Hill, Brooklyn Heights, Fort Greene, and Clinton Hill will receive preference for the cheap digs.

Applications are due April 7 and the apartments are slated to be completed in early 2015.

Churches United for Fair Housing plans to host workshops to explain how to apply for the coveted pads.

The application can be downloaded at www.phippnsny.org/page/135.

HOUSING...

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website in the first week of February without alerting the community board or any local housing activist organizations, meaning that thousands of Williamsburg and Greenpoint residents never heard about the rental opportunity. That may not have violated the rules, but it ran contrary to common decency, he said.

"The developer is supposed to contact the community board and the area non-profits," said Solano. "If it's coming out, we should know about it."

In the newly-constructed Orient Avenue building, folks with annual incomes between \$31,749 and \$41,280 can apply for a one-bedroom apartment that rents for \$926 per month and applicants making between \$35,760 and \$51,540 can shoot for a two-bedroom that costs \$1,043 per month.

Solano would like to make it is mandatory for developers to contact the local community board and all local housing organizations when such digs open up.

The current system also allows for online applications that are only in English. He wants to see rules requiring paper applications and translations in multiple languages.

"We have people here who do not have computers and who do not speak English," said Solano. "So right off the bat, [developers] are discriminating against them."

Solano said he fears that some developers are keeping the applications quiet so that they can offer the apartments to their friends and family if they do not get enough qualified takers.

This is not the first time the Orient address has been in the spotlight. The last building on the spot made headlines back in the late 2000s when, after starring in director Michel Gondry's arthouse gem "Eternal Sunshine of the Spotless Mind," it became an abandoned junkie den.

The Department of Housing Preservation and Development did not return requests for comment.

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Can she miss classes at college?

Suppose my 18-year-old daughter, a college freshman, sent me an e-mail saying she was going skiing with friends in Vermont, missing classes for a week. Should I wish her a safe trip? Lecture

about making responsible choices? Send her a bill for the week's worth of tuition she wasted?

Is college my daughter's to do with as she pleases, or mine to exercise some control over. Is it a gift, or a job?

Accepting that I'm not there to tell her when to study or do her laundry, I understand that she is living her life now, with responsibility for feeding, clothing, and taking care of herself day to day.

She is also in charge of the classes she takes, the activities she participates in, all the stuff that she is supposed to get out of college, leading to a career or at least a first job. I don't expect any student to make perfect decisions, in fact campus is a place to screw up now and then. What happens though, when she is not using the experience in a way I approve of?

An undergraduate degree is a huge investment for any family, no matter how much assistance a student gets. It is four years in the life of my girl that should mean something. Should I treat it like work, requiring adequate performance, regular reviews and promotions or demotions depending on how she is doing? Should I tell her to drop a sport if her grade-point average doesn't reach some arbitrary number?

This seems like a bad path

to start down, leading to a horrific fight, ending with me yelling, "If you don't do it my way I won't pay for you to go to school!"

Still, it is hard to accept simply sitting back, writing checks every few months, and just watching if I think she is wasting the experience, goofing off, or wandering direction-less through

her academic landscape.

Perhaps it is the scale that makes this hard. When she was a toddler, if I bought her a new, cool toy and she opened it excitedly, then promptly smashed it to pieces in a fit of gleeful violence, I wouldn't have minded. The joy that 10 bucks provided seemed worth it. When I give something away, I lose control over it.

If college is a gift, it is certainly the biggest one she'll ever get. So what if she trashes it, wasting opportunities or choosing bad ones? What if she flunks classes or ends up with a degree in basket weaving? She'll have gotten something out of it, right?

I'm not sure, but I am confident yelling or stomping my feet isn't going to help.

There must be a middle ground, where I can offer perspective, maybe even a little advice. She may well make good decisions and work hard. She may even call when she doesn't know what to do. If she sees me as an ally, rather than a boss or police officer, this might work out for all of us.

Then the bills will certainly be worth it.



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Panagiotis Diamantakis, Harry Lambrikis and Stylianos Kapolas, Plaintiffs vs. Anthony Giammarino a/k/a Joseph Giammarino and Jennifer Laudisio, NYC Environmental Control Board, NYS Department of Taxation & Finance, The City of New York, New York City Parking Violations Bureau, United States of America and John Doe #s 1 through #10, Defendants, Index No. 16517-2009. Attorney for Plaintiffs: ERIC NELSON, ESQ., 54 Florence St., Staten Island, NY 10308, 718.356.5066 Pursuant to judgment of foreclosure and sale granted on September 25, 2012, I will sell at Public Auction the highest bidder at Kings County Supreme Court located at 360 Adams Street, Room 224, Brooklyn, New York, on Thursday, April 10, 2014 at 2:30 pm in the afternoon, premises known as 279 3rd Avenue, Brooklyn, New York Block 448 Lot 6. All that certain plot, piece or parcel of land, situate, lying and being in the Borough of Brooklyn County of Kings, City and State of New York as more particularly described in the judgment of foreclosure and sale. Sold subject to all of the terms and conditions contained in said judgment and terms of sale. Approximate amount of judgment \$890,286.58 plus interest and costs. INDEX NO. 16517/2009 Helene Blank, Esq., REFEREE

SUMMONS AND NOTICE OF OBJECT OF ACTION SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK COUNTY OF KINGS ACTION TO FORECLOSE A MORTGAGE INDEX NO. 4416/13 WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A., Plaintiff, vs. LOIS COOPER, TIMOTHY PERKINS, ADVANTA BANK FKA ADVANTA NATIONAL BANK USA FKA COLONIAL NATIONAL BANK USA, CITY REGISTER OF THE CITY OF NEW YORK, KINGS COUNTY, CRIMINAL COURT OF THE CITY OF NEW YORK, KINGS COUNTY CLERK, NEW YORK CITY ENVIRONMENTAL CONTROL BOARD, NEW YORK CITY PARKING VIOLATIONS BUREAU, NEW YORK CITY TRANSIT ADJUDICATION BUREAU, UNITED STATES OF AMERICA ACTING THROUGH THE IRS, HORACE GREENE, JOHN DOE (Said name being fictitious, it being the intention of Plaintiff to designate any and all occupants of premises being foreclosed herein, and any parties, corporations or entities, if any, having or claiming an interest or lien upon the mortgaged premises.) Defendant(s).
MORTGAGED PREMISES: 1014 HALSEY STREET, Brooklyn, NY 11207 BLOCK 3408 LOT 29 TO THE ABOVE NAMED DEFENDANT: You are hereby summoned to answer the Complaint in this action, and to serve a copy of your answer, or if the Complaint is not served with this Summons, to serve a notice of appearance, on the Plaintiff(s) attorney(s) within twenty days after the service of this Summons, exclusive of the day of service (or within 30 days after the service is complete if this Summons is not personally delivered to you within the State of New York). In case of your failure to appear or answer, judgment will be taken against you by default for the relief demanded in the Complaint. The Attorney for Plaintiff has an office for business in the County of Erie. Trial to be held in the County of Kings. The basis of the venue designated above is the location of the Mortgaged Premises. Dated this 11th day of February, 2014, Gross, Polowy & Orland, LLC Attorney(s) for Plaintiff(s), 25 Northpointe Parkway, Suite 25, Amherst, NY 14228 TO: ADVANTA BANK FKA ADVANTA NATIONAL BANK FKA ADVANTA NATIONAL BANK USA, Defendant(s) In this Action. The foregoing Summons is served upon you by publication, pursuant to an order of HON. JOHNNY L. BAYNES of the Supreme Court of the State of New York, dated the 19th day of December, 2013 and filed with the Complaint in the Office of the Clerk of the County of Kings, in the City of Brook-

lyn. The object of this action is to foreclose a mortgage upon the premises described below, executed by Lois Cooper and Timothy Perkins dated the 25th day of October, 2007, to secure the sum of \$517,650.00 and recorded at Instrument No. 2007000583345 in the Office of the City Register of the City of New York, Kings County, on the 23rd day of November, 2007; which mortgage was duly assigned by assignment dated the 23rd day of June, 2009 and recorded on the 17th day of August, 2009, in the Office of the City Register of the City of New York, Kings County at Instrument No. 2009000258407; the mortgage was modified on the 29th day of June, 2010. The property in question is described as follows: 1014 HALSEY STREET, BROOKLYN, NY 11207 SEE FOLLOWING DESCRIPTION Block: 3408 and Lot: 29 ALL that certain plot, piece or parcel of land, with the buildings and improvements thereon erected, situate, lying and being in the Borough of Brooklyn, County of Kings and State of New York, bounded and described as follows: BEGINNING at a point on the southeasterly side of Halsey Street, opposite the center line of party wall distance 137 feet 9 1/2 inches southwesterly from the corner formed by the intersection of the southeasterly side of Halsey Street and the southwesterly side of Bushwick Avenue widened; RUNNING THENCE southeasterly parallel with Bushwick Avenue and part of the distance through a party wall, 100 feet; THENCE northeasterly parallel with Halsey Street, 18 feet; THENCE northwesterly parallel with Bushwick Avenue and part of the distance through a party wall 100 feet to the southeasterly side of Halsey Street; THENCE southwesterly along the southeasterly side of Halsey Street, 18 feet to the point or place of BEGINNING. Premises known as: 1014 Halsey Street, Brooklyn, NY 11207 DATED: February 11, 2014 Gross Polowy Orland, LLC Attorney(s) for Plaintiff(s) 25 Northpointe Parkway, Suite 25 Amherst, NY 14228. The law firm of Gross Polowy Orland, LLC and the attorneys whom it employs are debt collectors who are attempting to collect a debt. Any information obtained by them will be used for that purpose. Dated: February 11, 2014 294703

Notice is hereby given that an application for a Variance to permit the operation of an Auto Laundry at 2874 Coney Island Avenue, Brooklyn, New York contrary to use regulations has been filed with the New York City Board of Standards and Appeals ("BSA") by Phillips Nizer LLP on behalf of ZBest Auto Spa Inc. The BSA has scheduled a public hearing for March 11, 2014 at 10:00am to review this application, Cal. No.: 214-12-BZ at Spector Hall, 22 Reade Street, Borough of Manhattan.

The NYC Board of Standards and Appeals has scheduled a public hearing on the following application:
Variance (\$72-21) to permit the development of a residential building contrary to §42-10, M-1 zoning district.
Address: 308 Cooper Street, east side of Cooper Street at the corner of Cooper Street and Irving Avenue, Block 3442, Lot 37, Borough of Brooklyn.
Applicant: Sheldon Lobel, P.C., for 308 Cooper LLC, owner.
Community Board No.: 4BK
This application, Cal. No.: 29713-BZ, has been calendared for Public Hearing Tuesday, March 4, 2014, 10:00 A.M. session, in Spector Hall, 22 Reade Street, Borough of Manhattan. Interested persons or associations may appear at the hearing to present testimony regarding this application. This application can be reviewed at the Board offices, Monday through Friday, 9:00 am to 5:00 pm. This notice is published by the applicant in accordance with the Rules of Procedure of the Board of Standards and Appeals. Dated: February 14th & 21, 2014,Sheldon Lobel, P.C., Applicant.

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